

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02139-KBJ**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/18/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/18/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6263193) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/19/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zeg) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
07/19/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg)

		(Entered: 07/19/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Boyd Palmer-Ball on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/31/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/29/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/29/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/28/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/21/2019	<u>10</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/21/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE <i>Regarding Intent to File Answer</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
08/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall review this Court's <u>10</u> General Order and Guidelines Applicable to FOIA Cases, and promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 9/11/2019. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/28/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
09/11/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/11/2019)
09/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 12/11/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/16/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/16/2019)